

## **Report for 2001NY1881B: Cayuga Lake Watershed Education Program Web-linked Interactive CD-ROM**

- Conference Proceedings:
  - None as yet. We expect to be distributing and presenting the results of this project at workshops and conferences when it is complete

Report Follows:

**Problem and Research Objectives:**

The objective of this research project is to create an interactive web-linked CD that will enable all interested stakeholders to obtain the information they want and at the level they can understand on the current status of the Cayuga Lake Watershed.

**Methodology:**

A CD is being prepared that provides easy access to, and interactive use of, material contained in three recent publications, and to related web pages for users connected to the Internet. The three publications are "Issues in the Cayuga Lake Watershed," "Cayuga Lake Restoration and Protection Plan (RPP)" and "Water Quality Study of the Finger Lakes" by C. Callinan. The Cayuga Lake Watershed Network and the Cayuga Lake Watershed Intermunicipal Organization will be distributing the CD holding informational meetings on the use of the CD. They will also be incorporating it as one of their public relations promotional tools.

This work is being carried out primarily by individuals at the Ithaca Environmental Laboratories, led by Dr. Jose Lozano, Director. Members of the Intermunicipal Organization and the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network are contributing to the design and content of this CD.

**Principal Findings and Significance:**

Providing content for the CD has been the biggest and most time consuming task. The interactive structure or framework of the CD has been established, with minor modifications yet to be made. Content is now being inserted into this framework. So far about 70% of the funds have been spent. The remaining will be devoted to working on providing easy interactive access to information at various levels of understanding and detail, creating a separate web page for updated information as it becomes available and containing questions and programs and models that will make this web-linked CD more useful as an educational tool for use in schools.